

**City Of Lake Geneva Committee Of The Whole Minutes  
Monday, January 5, 2026 - 6:00 PM  
Lake Geneva City Hall; Council Chambers**

**Call to Order**

Aldersperson Fesenmaier called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm

**Pledge of Allegiance**

Aldersperson Frame led the Committee in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Roll Call**

Present: Fesenmaier, Yager, Ames, Frame, Hoiland, Smith, Stoodley

Absent: Powers (joined remotely at 6:13 pm via Zoom)

**Approval of the Committee of the Whole Minutes from December 1, 2025**

Motion by Ames to approve, second by Yager.

No discussion, motion carried 7-0 on a voice vote.

**Comments from the public as allowed by Wis. Stats. §19.84(2). Comments will be limited to 5 minutes. Be further advised that matters brought up at this time may be referred to the appropriate committee or individual for further discussion and consideration.**

Peg Esposito, 124 Darwin St; spoke on agenda item 7, in support of changing the Attorney to an appointed position, but suggesting it not be limited to a single individual.

Tory Dyer, 101 Broad St; spoke on his past efforts with the Hillmoor Ad Hoc Committee and the Hillmoor Commission and provided various suggestions for land use at Hillmoor.

Casey Schiche, Ridge Rd, spoke in opposition to declaring City-owned property on Sheridan Springs Rd as surplus.

Aldersperson Powers joined the meeting at 6:13 pm via Zoom.

Jon Nelson, 1035 Park Row; spoke on surplus land, access to appraisal documents, ordinances pertaining to sidewalk shoveling after snowfalls & land mowing, Channel 25 access, and the approved apartment complex by Geneva Auto Body.

Cathy Stoodley, 919 Carey St; spoke on the Strategic Planning Survey rollout, asking for more exposure and advertising of the survey.

Bill Huntress, 1015 Pleasant St; spoke on the surplus land designation on Sheridan Springs Dr, suggesting that the Council get at least 2 bids for the land before selling, and spoke on a current sale offer.

**Presentation: Hillmoor Commission Update; Michael Krajovic, Consultant**

Michael Krajovic, Hillmoor Commission Consultant, gave a presentation on the Hillmoor Commission's efforts, activity, and future plans.

Aldersperson Powers left the meeting at 6:45 pm.

**Discussion regarding Charter Ordinance and Referendum changing City Attorney from an elected position to an appointed position**

City Attorney Draper spoke on the process for changing the City Attorney position from elected to appointed.

Discussion followed between the Committee members and Attorney Draper regarding the possibility of appointing a firm rather than an individual, the appointment process in case of a vacancy, residency requirements for elected vs appointed positions, and potential timeline for a potential referendum question.

**Standing Committee Reports. The following Aldermen will be given the opportunity to make announcements or reports at the meeting in regards to committee activities they have been involved in since**

**the last meeting on behalf of the City, future activities and citizen contacts. It is not contemplated that these matters will be discussed or acted on but referrals to the appropriate committees and/or individuals will be made.**

**Finance, License, and Regulation Committee-Chair Ames**

No meetings since the last Committee of the Whole meeting, no report given.

**Personnel Committee-Chair Hoiland**

Alderson Hoiland reported on review forms, a proposed pricing policy, and updates on the hiring process for new staff positions.

**Public Works Committee-Chair Stoodley**

No meeting in December; upcoming topics include the traffic control policy.

**Piers, Harbor, and Lakefront Committee-Chair Yager**

Alderson Yager reported on upcoming proposed ordinance changes, and the joint meeting with the Board of Parks Commissioners regarding the CORP plan.

**Committee, Commission, and Board Reports. The following committee representatives will be given the opportunity to make announcements or reports at the meeting in regards to committee activities they have been involved in since the last meeting on behalf of the City, future activities, and citizen contacts. These matters will be required to be placed on the agenda to comply with Wis. Stats.**

**Utility Commission-Fesenmaier and Smith**

Alderson Smith reported on the floor coating project, utility billing, and the purchase of a sewer truck.

**Tree Board-Ames**

Next meeting is next week.

**Police and Fire Commission-Hoiland**

Alderson Hoiland reported on staffing appointments, call reports, and a structure fire at a rental property.

**Plan Commission-Hoiland**

Alderson Hoiland reported that the commission will meet tomorrow and consider many topics that were carried over from the December meeting.

**Board of Park Commissioners-Yager**

Alderson Yager reported that the Commissioners are continuing to work on a needs assessment in the lead up to the meeting later this month CORP plan.

**Library Board-Ames**

Alderson Ames reported on strategic planning, programming, and preparation for the meeting room renovation project.

**Historic Preservation Commission-Powers**

Alderson Ames reported on Powers' behalf on topics including the Library's nomination as a Designated Local Landmark.

**Avian Committee-Powers**

Alderson Ames reported on the Powers' behalf on the Committee's work on the Dark Sky Ordinance, Bird City application, a Tuesday at Two program on Dark Sky Ordinance and World Migratory Bird Day.

**Tourism Commission-Fesenmaier and Frame**

Alderson Fesenmaier reported on the grant application forms and the required url to the City lodgings site.

**Cemetery Board-Stoodley and Frame**

No meeting in November or December, topics for this year include price increases and the columbarium.

**Hillmoor Commission-Yager**

Alderson Yager thanked Mr. Krajovic for his presentation tonight.  
General discussion followed regarding public comment at Commission meetings.

**Council Representatives Serving on Other Boards and Committees. The following committee representatives will be given the opportunity to make announcements or reports at the meeting in regards to committee activities they have been involved in since the last meeting on behalf of the City, future activities and citizen contacts. These matters will be required to be placed on the agenda to comply with Wis. Stats.**

**\*No meeting or materials posted on the City website.**

**\*VISIT Lake Geneva-Yager**

Alderperson Yager reported on Winterfest which is upcoming later this month.

**\*Geneva Lake Museum-Powers**

No meeting, no report given.

**\*Lake Geneva Economic Development Corporation-Hoiland and Smith**

Alderperson Hoiland reported on property purchasing activity at the business park.

**Geneva Lake Environmental Agency-Fesenmaier**

No meeting in December, no report given.

**\*Geneva Lakes Family YMCA-Stoodley**

Alderperson Stoodley announced details for the annual auction in February.

**\*Geneva Lake Use-Frame**

City Administrator DeAngelis clarified that the Committee dissolved in 2016, but reformed in 2017.

**Business Improvement District-Stoodley**

Location and time change for this month;

**\*Geneva Lake Law Enforcement Agency-Mayor Krause**

Mayor Krause reported that the waiting period for withdrawal has closed, and spoke on how the financial closing out process continues.

**Adjournment**

Motion by Ames to adjourn, second by Stoodley.

No discussion, motion carried 7-0 on a voice vote.

The meeting adjourned at 7:31 pm.

Vanessa Jahns

Deputy City Clerk

Approved February 2, 2026